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SUBJECT: MID-TERM TALKS: MEETING WITH DEPFONMIN JANUARY 26

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1. AMBASSADOR, DCM, PAO AND SCIATT MET WITH DEPFONMIN GLIGA PURSUANT OUR EARLIER REPORT REF BUCHAREST 0333. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR RESULTS OF REVIEW GLIGA HAD UNDERTAKEN AS WELL AS PROBLEM AREAS WHICH GOR MAY WISH TO DISCUSS AT MID-TERM REVIEW, GLIGA REPLIED HE FORESAW NONE IN THE AREA OF CULTURAL RELATIONS (E.E., PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT WITH COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION) AND THAT MFA HAD DONE WRITTEN SPADE WORK REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR TALKS REGARDING EDUCATIONAL AND S&T EXCHANGES. DUE ABSENCE ON VACATION OF AND ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY OF MINED NICULESCU AND NCST PRESIDENT URSU HE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO MEET WITH THEM, BUT THEY HAD PROMISED TO SEE HIM THIS WEEK OR THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

2. CULTURAL EXCHANGES: IN RESPONSE TO GLIGA COMMENT THAT MFA DOES NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEM AREAS TO DISCUSS, AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FOR  
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BULANDRA THREATRE TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTF AND FOLK GROUP

FOR SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL REMAINS UNRESOLVED (SEE SEPTTEL). GLIGA ALSO NOTED THAT MFA IS COORDINATING GOR PLAN FOR ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH OUR BICENTENNIAL INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS IN THE U.S. AND EXPECTS TO HAVE THIS COMPLETED FOR OUR DISCUSSION AT MID-TERM REVIEW. HE NOTED THAT SINCE THEN WE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY ARIA THAT THERE SEEMED LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THIS COULD BE DONE. HE THEREFORE WANTED TO DEFER TALKS IN THOSE SPHERES UNTIL AFTER THESE MEETINGS. HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS JANUARY 29, OTHERWISE FEBRUARY 6 AFTER THE AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO BUCHAREST. MEANWHILE HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS AMBASSADOR HAD ON ANY SPHERE THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR HIS TALKS. AMBASSADOR ALSO USED OCCASION TO MENTION TO GLIGA THAT LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA WOULD VISIT ROMANIA IN NOVEMBER 1976 AS EXAMPLE OF USG EFFORTS TO BRING OUTSTANDING PERFORMING ARTISTS TO ROMANIA; BUT NOTED SOME PROBLEMS REGARDING FORMAL CONDITIONS WHICH NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED BY JANUARY 30. GLIGA DID NOT SEEM TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS, BUT RECALLED WITH PLEASURE THE MID-60'S LAPO CONCERT. IN ANY EVENT, HE HOPED TO GET FOR HIS NEGOTIATING MANDATE FROM BOTH NICULESCU AND URSU A CLOSER IDEA OF HOW AND WHETHER THEY PROPOSED TO LIVE UP TO THE PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENT.

3. WITH REGARD TO MINED AND NCST, AMBASSADOR URGED THAT GLIGA CLARIFY PRIORITIES OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS, POINTING OUT THAT NON-FULFILLMENT OF QUOTAS CREATED SIGNIFICANT BUDGETARY AND CONFIDENCE PROBLEMS. HE CONVEYED BARTOCHA'S MESSAGE ON NFS CONCERNS IN DETAIL PER STATE 18810. AS AN EXAMPLE OF PROBLEM IN BOTH AREAS HE LEFT COPIES OF THE LETTER FROM AN AMERICAN SCIENTIST REFLECTING DISSATISFACTION WITH ROMANIAN COLLABORATION AND ALSO COPY OF FORD FOUNDATION LETTER ON SIMILAR LINES TO ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE. AMBASSADOR REITERATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO EXERCISE FLEXIBILITY ON EXCHANGES IF ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER FOUND IT COULD NOT MEET ITS QUOTAS WITHIN RANGE OF MUTUAL INTEREST BUT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CLARITY IN OBJECTIVES AND PLANNING. IN LATTER CONNECTION HE STRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER DEADLINES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT TALKS IN WASHINGTON WOULD PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON BOTH GREATER ADHERENCE TO COMMON STANDARDS AS

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WELL AS WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE WITHIN AND BETWEEN PROGRAM CATEGORIES.

4. ON SUBJECT OF HOUSING AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED IMPROVEMENT ON MINED SIDE STILL NEEDED; HE NOTED THAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT EXCESSIVELY HIGH AND THAT WE TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION HOUSING PROBLEMS IN ROMANIA. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE THERE IS MINIMUM STANDARD REQUIRED WHICH IN SOME INSTANCES HAS

NOT BEEN MET.  
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